

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:-

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for use in the storage and transportation of recyclable waste, the apparatus comprising:
a housing (10) having a bottom (16) for standing on the ground, a rear wall (20), ~~and a pair of opposed side walls (22), a handle (26) adjacent the top and rear of the housing, a pair of wheels (28) adjacent the bottom and rear of the housing and arranged such that the housing can be tipped rearwardly using the handle so that the wheels engage the ground, so that the bottom of the housing no longer engages the ground and so that the apparatus can be moved on the wheels using the handle to move it;~~ the housing providing ~~at least one~~ a space (48) accessible from the front of the housing ~~and the or each space being~~ arranged to receive at least one recycling box (12) having a base (30), four side walls (32) and an open top;
~~the apparatus having supporting means (14,52,64,86) for supporting the or each recycling box in the its space such that the or each recycling box can be slid into the housing from the front and such that when the or each recycling box is in the housing the front-facing side wall(s) of the recycling box(es) substantially close(s) the front of the housing and the or each recycling boxes are box is covered;~~
a handle (26) adjacent the top and rear of the housing; and
a pair of wheels (28) arranged to be assembled with the housing adjacent the bottom and rear of the housing such that the housing can be tipped rearwardly using the handle so that the wheels engage the ground, so that the bottom of the housing no longer engages the ground and so that the apparatus can be moved on the wheels using the handle to move it;
wherein the supporting means is arranged to be assembled with the housing; and
the housing is arranged such that, prior to assembly of the supporting means and the wheels with the housing and prior to insertion of the recycling box(es), a plurality of identical such housings can be stacked one substantially inside another so that said one housing extends into said space of said other housing.
2. (original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the housing provides a plurality of such spaces arranged one above another in the housing.
3. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporting means (14,64,86) provides a platform (36,70,90) beneath the ~~or each~~ space onto which the respective recycling box(es) can be slid.

4. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporting means provides a pair of runners (52) to either side of the ~~or each~~ space onto which opposed lips (33) of the ~~respective~~ recycling box can be slid.

5. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the housing is formed as a moulding (10) providing at least the side walls and ~~[[a]] the rear wall of the housing, and the supporting means (14,64,86) and wheels are attached to the housing after it has been moulded~~ ~~[(Figures 10 to 17)]~~.

6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the housing is substantially identical to a housing of a standard wheelie bin except for the omission of at least part of the front wall (18) thereof.

8. (previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporting means includes an element (64) that is arranged to be supported at least in part by a front wall of the housing.

9. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2, wherein the supporting means includes at least two elements (86) at least one (86b) of which is arranged to be supported at least in part by another (86a) of the elements.

10. (previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, in combination with at least one such recycling box (12).

11. (previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein the housing provides a plurality of such spaces arranged one above another in the housing and there is a plurality of such recycling boxes.

12. (withdrawn - currently amended) A method of manufacture of an apparatus for use in the storage and transportation of recyclable waste, the apparatus comprising a housing (10) having a bottom (16) for standing on the ground, a rear wall (20), and a pair of opposed side walls (22), ~~a handle (26) adjacent the top and rear of the housing, a pair of wheels (28) adjacent the bottom and rear of the housing and arranged such that the housing can be tipped rearwardly using the handle so that the wheels engage the ground, so that the bottom of the housing no longer engages the ground and so that the apparatus can be moved on the wheels using the handle to move it;~~ the housing providing at least one ~~a~~ space (48) accessible from the front of the housing ~~and~~ and ~~the or each space being arranged to receive at least one recycling box (12) having a base (30), four side walls (32) and an open top, the~~

apparatus having supporting means (14,52,64,86) for supporting the or each recycling box in the its space such that the or each recycling box can be slid into the housing from the front and such that when the or each recycling box is in the housing the front-facing side wall(s) of the recycling box(es) substantially close(s) the front of the housing and the ~~or each recycling boxes are~~ box is covered, a handle (26) adjacent the top and rear of the housing, and a pair of wheels (28) arranged to be assembled with the housing adjacent the bottom and rear of the housing such that the housing can be tipped rearwardly using the handle so that the wheels engage the ground, so that the bottom of the housing no longer engages the ground and so that the apparatus can be moved on the wheels using the handle to move it, wherein the supporting means is arranged to be assembled with the housing; and the housing is arranged such that, prior to assembly of the supporting means and the wheels with the housing and prior to insertion of the recycling box(es), a plurality of identical such housings can be stacked one substantially inside another so that said one housing extends into said space of said other housing, the method comprising the steps of:
moulding a housing of a wheelie bin (10 – Figure 1),
removing at least part of a front wall (18) therefrom to form the housing of the apparatus (10 – Figure 10 or 14),
manufacturing the supporting means, and
attaching the supporting means to the housing.

13. (withdrawn - currently amended) A method of manufacture of an apparatus for use in the storage and transportation of recyclable waste, the apparatus comprising a housing (10) having a bottom (16) for standing on the ground, a rear wall (20), and a pair of opposed side walls (22), a handle (26) adjacent the top and rear of the housing, a pair of wheels (28) adjacent the bottom and rear of the housing and arranged such that the housing can be tipped rearwardly using the handle so that the wheels engage the ground, so that the bottom of the housing no longer engages the ground and so that the apparatus can be moved on the wheels using the handle to move it, the housing providing at least one a space (48) accessible from the front of the housing and ~~the or each space being~~ arranged to receive at least one recycling box (12) having a base (30), four side walls (32) and an open top, ~~the apparatus having supporting means (14,52,64,86) for supporting the or each recycling box in the its space such that the or each recycling box can be slid into the housing from the front and such that when the or each recycling box is in the housing the front-facing side wall(s) of the recycling box(es) substantially close(s) the front of the housing and the or each recycling boxes are~~ box is covered, a handle (26) adjacent the top and rear of the housing, and a pair of wheels (28) arranged to be assembled with the housing adjacent the bottom and rear of the housing such that the housing can be tipped rearwardly using the handle so that the wheels engage the ground, so that the bottom of the housing no longer engages the ground and so that the apparatus can be moved on the wheels using the

handle to move it, wherein the supporting means is arranged to be assembled with the housing; and the housing is arranged such that, prior to assembly of the supporting means and the wheels with the housing and prior to insertion of the recycling box(es), a plurality of identical such housings can be stacked one substantially inside another so that said one housing extends into said space of said other housing, the method comprising the steps of:

modifying a mould for a housing of a wheelie bin so that the mould produces a housing (10 – Figure 10 or 14) substantially identical to a housing of a wheelie bin except for the omission of at least part of a front wall (18) thereof,

moulding such a housing,

manufacturing the supporting means, and

attaching the supporting means to the housing.

14. (withdrawn – currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein;

a plurality of such housings are manufactured,

the housings are stacked one substantially inside another at a first location so that said one housing extends into said space of said other housing,

the stacked housings are transported to a second location remote from the first location,

the housings are unstacked at the second location, and

the supporting means are subsequently attached to the housings.

15 and 16. (cancelled)

17. (withdrawn – currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein;

a plurality of such housings are manufactured,

the housings are stacked one substantially inside another at a first location so that said one housing extends into said space of said other housing,

the stacked housings are transported to a second location remote from the first location,

the housings are unstacked at the second location, and

the supporting means are subsequently attached to the housings.

18. (new) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporting means comprises a platform (70) that is arranged to be attached to and supported at least in part by the side walls of the housing.